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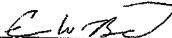
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003,  
and to place the claims in condition for allowance in view of the interview with the Examiner  
on November 20, 2003. Amend Claims 1 though 23 of the application as follows: